

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 164**

January 26, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a sheriff, jail inspector, or mayor from each county or municipality with a correctional facility to transmit outlined information to the Commissioner of the Department of Correction (DOC) on an annual basis. Requires the Commissioner of the DOC to transmit outlined information to the General Assembly and the Legislative Librarian on an annual basis.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$77,000/FY21-22  
\$72,400/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years**

**Increase Local Expenditures – \$760,000/FY21-22\***

**Assumptions:**

- The proposed legislation requires a sheriff, jail inspector, or mayor from each county or municipality with a correctional facility to annually report the following information to the Commissioner of the DOC:
  - The number of inmates confined in county or municipal correctional facilities;
  - The offenses that were committed;
  - The inmates' ages, previous occupations, birth places, and residences;
  - The inmates' respective periods of imprisonment;
  - The different kinds of businesses in which they are employed and the number of inmates employed in each;
  - The profit or loss;
  - The amount of funding for county or municipal correctional facility inmates;
  - An estimate of the average length of stay before an inmate is sentenced;
  - The number and age of inmates participating in rehabilitation programs, including pilot programs, and the cost of the programs;
  - A listing of the educational programs offered to inmates, including a summary of each program and its cost; and
  - The number of inmates released, released on probation, or released on parole.
- The proposed legislation will require each county to upgrade its jail management software to collect the required data at an estimated cost of \$8,000 per county.
- The one-time mandatory increase in local expenditures in FY21-22 to comply with the proposed legislation is estimated to be \$760,000 (\$8,000 x 95 counties).

- The proposed legislation requires the Commissioner of the DOC to transmit the following additional information on an annual basis to the General Assembly and Legislative Librarian:
  - The amount of funding for penitentiary inmates;
  - The number and age of inmates participating in rehabilitation programs, including pilot programs, and the cost of the programs;
  - A listing of the educational programs offered to inmates, including a summary of each program and its cost; and
  - The number of inmates released, released on probation, or released on parole.
- The DOC will require one Correctional Program Support Coordinator to collect and process local data and compile and process additional state data.
- The recurring salary and benefits for the position are estimated to be \$64,398 (\$49,440 salary + \$14,958 benefits).
- Additionally, the position will require recurring funding for travel, supplies, training, professional services, etc. estimated to be \$8,000.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 associated with the position is estimated to be \$4,600 for computer and office set up.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 resulting from the proposed legislation is estimated to be \$76,998 (\$64,398 + \$8,000 + \$4,600).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures in FY22-23 and subsequent fiscal years resulting from the proposed legislation is estimated to be \$72,398 (\$64,398 + \$8,000).

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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